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Mr. Anthony A. Lapham
General Counsel
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Re: David Stratman and U.S. v. Trifa


Dear Mr. Lapham:

Pursuant to our directive to prepare this case for trial, we have discussed with David Stratman the possibility of going to Bucharest, Romania, and researching the government archives and public libraries to obtain information concerning the defendant, Valerian Trifa.

Valerian Trifa is alleged by us to have been the leader of the student or youth wing of the Romanian Iron Guard during the late 1930's and early 1940's; and that, in that role, he participated in a rebellion in January of 1941 where thousands of Jewish people were killed. This action is a denaturalization action and obtaining documentation of the defendant's participation in these events can best be done in Romania. To that end, we have obtained the services of David Stratman. Biographical information on Stratman follows. We need any intelligence information you would have on Stratman so that we do not jeopardize the government's case in the use of Stratman in this matter.

David Stratman, date and place of birth: February 24, 1934 in Galati, Romania; Social Security No. 018-40-0889, Attorney in Romania, emigrated to the United States in the fall of 1965 and has been employed as a teacher at Boston University, the University of New Mexico, and most recently at Brooklyn College.

Sincerely,


Eugene M. Thirolf
Trial Attorney
Special Litigation Unit

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